

What's a Koruna Ceska worth?

It happened earlier this week as co-worker Kevin and I headed up to McDonald's to get our morning sustenance.

It's something of a daily morning ritual, where we accompany each other for our first-thing-in-the-morning caffeine fix.

And we alternate on who pays.

Since we've been doing this for as long as we can both remember (which, judging from our age might be a month at best) we know exactly how much it costs for a small tea, small coffee, plus a blueberry muffin and fruit and fibre muffin. And having such a predictable standing order at McDonald's, two things happen—the server knows what we want before we get to the counter, and we know exactly how much change we need to have out of our pocket in our hot little hands—it's \$2.95.

Monday morning was my turn to pay, so I dug deep into my pocket to haul out a handful of coins.

Counting through them, I found an odd coin, one that at first looked like a dime, but upon closer inspection (which is tough for anyone over 50) I found it was a bit heavier, and a tiny bit bigger.

The words on the coin were 'Ceska Republika 2003' and on the other side it read '1 Koruna Ceska'.

"Ever seen anything like that?" I asked.

Kevin is also in that post-50 age group, and he squinted a bit to look at the coin as well.

"Hmm, looks like a 'Google' to me," he replied, as we made our way to McDonald's.

So I later fired up the computer and Googled the Ceska Republika.

It didn't take long to discover it was the Czech Republic, and I found an informative official website (available in every language in Europe) that told of all the aspects of the country, it's tourism opportunities, and some of its history.

I also learned the Koruna Ceska is part of

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their currency.

I couldn't imagine how a Koruna Ceska ended up in my pocketful of change, but was likely given to me when someone made change for a purchase, mistaking it for a dime.

In this age of mechanized coin counters in banks and other financial institutions, (not to mention coin-operated vending machines) the odds of it getting very far through the banking system were a bit remote, since it's a different weight and size to any Canadian coin.

But regardless, it ended up in my pocket.

I read a bit about this Czech currency, and found the Koruna Ceska had been brought into existence February 8, 1993, when it and its Slovak counterpart both replaced the Czechoslovak koruna.

I also read that the Czech Republic plans to adopt the Euro in 2012, so if I'm gonna take a trip to the Czech Republic to spend it, then I'll have to plan it soon, within the next four years.

Then the next burning question hit me.

How much is it worth?

I explored a couple of currency converter websites and I discovered it was worth \$0.047 US, which, when converted into Canadian money, turned out to be a little more than 4 cents.

That was the most annoying part of my discovery—I was short-changed 6 cents!

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APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills invites applications from members of the public who are interested in serving on the following committees due to vacancies:

INTERESTED

- all positions are for a term to expire in December 2010
- must be 18 years of age and resident of the Town of Halton Hills
- must not be a Town of Halton Hills employee
- unless otherwise specified, all positions are volunteer
- meetings generally occur in the evenings

THE COMMITTEES:

Committee of Adjustment

- meets once or twice per month
- remuneration of \$80 for member per meeting
- to act as a decision-making body which considers applications for minor variances to the Town's Zoning By-laws and applications to sever parcels of land

Heritage Halton Hills

- regular monthly meetings
- to act as an advisory body respecting the designation of buildings of historical and architectural interest under the Ontario Heritage Act

Litter Free Task Force Committee

- to act as an advisory committee in respect to the implementation of a comprehensive town-wide strategy for reducing litter and vandalism

Town Environmental Advisory Committee

- to be composed of both individuals who have a professional interest in the field of environmental management and of individuals who have a personal interest in environmental protection
- regular monthly meetings and sub-committee meetings as needed
- to act as an advisory body seeking ways to protect, restore and enhance the Town's natural environment

Trails Advisory Committee

- to act as an advisory committee to provide advice and input to the Town of Halton Hills on matters relating to the design, construction and funding of a trails system
- identify issues that impact trails development in Halton Hills
- bring forward ideas for developing and maintaining trail systems
- act as a sounding board in response to issues and initiatives
- determine appropriate action to deal with issues and initiatives

Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee

- regular monthly meetings
- act as an advisory committee to provide advice and input to the Town of Halton Hills to fulfill obligations under the Accessibilities for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

APPLICATION PROCESS

- submit an application form which can be obtained on the Town of Halton Hills website at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/calendars>
- list the Committee(s) in which you are interested, and in order of priority
- forward to Leesa Emmerson, Council and Committee Services Coordinator, Clerk's Department, Civic Centre
- deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 30, 2007

If you have any inquiries or if you wish to receive additional information regarding a committee please contact Leesa Emmerson at 905 873-2601 ext 2333. 127

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands in the Town of Halton Hills known municipally as 1 Prince Street in the community of Glen Williams,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Halton Hills intends to designate the above-noted property as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990.

Description of the Property:

1 Prince Street is also known as the "Glen Williams Town Hall". The property is legally described as Lot 65, Plan 49, East of South Side of Prince Street, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Glen Williams Town Hall has an exterior made of local hand-pressed red clay brick, erected in 1870-71 by Georgetown builder Walter McKay. It has been the center of village life and has served the community in various capacities (socially, educationally, politically and religiously) since 1871. The Glen Williams Town Hall is a typical example of a village community hall built of local brick in a colonial Cape Cod style. Its architectural features are the Flemish bond brick pattern, the double hung multi-paned windows and two large wooden entry doors. The hall has been central to the history of the Village of Glen Williams from its opening in 1871, being associated especially with Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available for viewing in the Clerks Department, Civic Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills during regular business hours.

Any person may, by December 17, 2007, (within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice) serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation with the Clerk's Department, together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the Town of Halton Hills this 16th day of November 2007.

Ashley Mancuso, Records/FOI Coordinator, The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario, L7G 5G2. 128

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